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Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

> United States v. Juan Carlos Bocanegra-Fonseca Re: 08 Cr. 272 (SAS)

The Honorable Judge Scheindlin:

The Court previously adjourned Mr. Bocanegra-Fonseca's sentence to August 27, 2008, and noted that no further adjournments would be granted. In light of the last endorsement, the defendant has briefed the sentencing issues, and a sentencing memorandum was served upon opposing counsel and filed with the Court on August 13, 2008. No further briefings are due to the Court.

We, nevertheless, ask the Court to adjourn Mr. Bocanegra's sentence date by one week as his family wishes to come from Bogota to Colombia to attend his sentencing proceeding. At the same time, they also wish to visit with Mr. Bocanegra at the MDC and have a 3-hour family visit for which the BOP requires three weeks notice. For this reason, we ask the Court to schedule sentence for any date after September 5, 2008. Thank you.

The government, through David O'Neil, has no objection to this request. Thank you.

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Juan Carlos Bocanegra-Fonseca

Dated. august 20, 2008